

CIPC minutes

November 17, 2014

Joe Parisi , Director of Public Works, continued speaking regarding the water needs assessment.

Cape Pond:

The Cape Pond system needs improvements. Dredging is necessary to improve the line.

Great Hill: Re-piping is necessary, they could be losing pressure and they are in an isolated zone.

\$300,000 request

\$20,000 evaluation

Back Beach: Need to replace equipment.

\$200,000 request

Dock Square: The Dock Square pump is nearing its end. They will re-purpose funds that are in surplus.

David Santomenna, Director of Land Conservation for Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) spoke to us regarding the application for funds to preserve open space in Rockport, Ma.

In the past, the 47 acres at Woodland Acres (Map2A) was available as the purchase of 72 house lots.

Director Santomenna presented the fact that the current owners would like to sell the land to the Essex County Greenbelt Association for a purchase price of \$750,000. They will apply for a Land Acquisition grant for Natural Diversity in the amount of \$150,000. Assuming this grant is approved, the Conservation Commission has approved \$300,000 of its Conservation Trust Fund to be used to purchase this CR. In addition, they will be asking the town for **\$300,000**.

Greenbelt would assume responsibility for all aspects of property stewardship. The Rockport Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee each find this to be a top priority in land protection in Rockport 2014-2015.